

(e) and (f) The position is being checked up and necessary information will be laid on the table of the Sabha.

Production Target of Saleable Steel

2079. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the production target of saleable steel fixed for 1980-81; and

(b) steps taken to achieve the target?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) The target of production of saleable steel from the integrated steel plants for 1980-81 has been fixed at 7.32 million tonnes representing a growth of 21.4 per cent with reference to the anticipated production in 1979-80.

(b) The above target is based on the technical capabilities of the steel plants and on the assumption that adequate supplies of essential inputs including coking coal and power would be available. The requirements of major inputs as also of rail transport have been discussed with the concerned agencies. Close liaison will continue to be maintained with the various agencies to ensure adequate and uninterrupted supplies of these inputs.

Sintering and Oxygen Plant in IISCO, Burnpur

2080. SHRI SUSHIL BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) when the works of Sintering and Oxygen Plant will start in Indian Iron and Steel Company; Burnpur, and

(b) details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b) In order to provide for the economic use of iron ore fines available in the Gua mines of IISCO and to reduce the cost of production of hot metal in the Burnpur Steel Works, the Indian Iron and Steel Company have proposed the installation of a Sintering Plant at Burnpur. This proposal is presently under consideration of the Steel Authority of India Limited. The question of installing a captive Oxygen Plant to meet its own requirements is still under examination of IISCO.

Review of Cadre Strength of Income Tax Inspectors

2081. SHRI K. A. RAJAN: Will the MINISTER OF FINANCE be pleased to refer to the reply given on the 6th April, 1979 to Unstarred Question No. 6354 regarding augmentation of Inspectors strength and state:

(a) whether review of cadre strength of Income-tax Inspectors in the Income-tax Department has been conducted by the Government; and

(b) if not, what are the reasons therefor and by which time it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JAGANNATH PAHADIA): (a) and (b) A work study for Inspector was taken in hand but it was found that the existing duty list of Inspectors needed revision. A fresh duty list has since been drawn-up and is under examination. After it is finalised work study will be resumed.

Standard deduction in Income-tax to Central Government Pensioners

2082. SHRI F. H. MOHSIN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government pensioners are not allowed